

National Dialogue On Children And Nature:

A Connection for the Health and Well-being of Our Children

September 7–10, 2006

National Conservation Training Center

Shepherdstown, WV

Thursday, September 7, 2006:

7:00pm

Evening Reception and Keynote with Charles Jordan,
Chairman of The Conservation Fund—Commons Roosevelt Room

Friday, September 8, 2006:

6:30am – 8:30am

Breakfast—Commons Dining Room

8:00am – 8:45am

Opening Session—Byrd Auditorium

- Welcome from Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne
- Welcome from Larry Selzer, President of The Conservation Fund
- Overview of Workshop Activities and Purpose—
Rick Lemon, Director of NCTC

8:45am – 9:30am

Keynote Address:

Richard Louv, author,
Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit-Disorder

9:30am – 10:00am

BREAK Film Trailer—“Edens Lost and Found”

10:00am – 11:15am

Discussion: Impacts on Children’s Health

**Moderator: Dr. Roberta Debiase, Assoc. Professor of
Pediatrics GWU School of Medicine and Health Sciences**

- Kathy Baughman-McLeod—Co-founder and Principal
of Healthy Development
- Dr. Michael Suk, Director Orthopedic Trauma Service
University of Florida—Jacksonville
- Dr. Terry Neu, Sacred Heart University

11:15am – 12:30am

Discussion: Educational Impacts, Potential Solutions

Moderator: Dr. Hunt Lyman, Academic Dean, The Hill School

- David Kahn, Executive Director,
North American Montessori Teacher’s Association
- Jack Shea, Director of Teton Science Schools
- David Orr, Professor and Chair of the Environmental
Studies Program, Oberlin College

12:30pm – 2:00pm

LUNCH—Commons Dining Room

John Flicker, President of the National Audubon Society

2:00pm – 4:30pm

Convene to Breakouts

Facilitated breakout sessions will further explore topics and issues from the morning’s panels and/or *Last Child In the Woods* that resonated with participants. Groups will brainstorm possible actions that could help address the issues and problems identified. The group will also discuss opportunities for synergism in actions by identifying various sectors or partners who could work together on each action.

3:00pm BREAK

4:30pm

Networking, Optional Outdoor Activities and Poster Session (IE)

6:30pm

Barbecue—Commons

7:30pm

Evening Program—Dale Hall, Director, USFWS and Peter Forbes, Center for Whole Communities—Commons Roosevelt Room

Saturday, September 9, 2006:

6:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast—Commons Dining Room
8:00am – 8:15am	Plenary Session in Byrd Auditorium— Dr. Frank Dukes Preview of solutions and potential demonstration projects identified by breakout groups in the areas of health and education.
8:15am – 9:30am	Discussion: Impacts of Modern Culture on Children’s Relationship to Nature Moderator: Mark Madison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Historian <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dudley Edmondson, author, <i>Black and Brown Faces in America’s Wild Places</i>• Lowell Monke, coauthor of the forthcoming book, <i>Breaking Down the Digital Walls: Learning to Teach in a Post-Modern World</i>• Jackie Ogden, Ph.D. Director of Animal Programs at Walt Disney World Resort
9:30am – 10:00am	BREAK
10:00am – 10:45am	Keynote Address: Stephen Kellert, Yale University,— Biophilia, Children and Restoring Connections to Nature in the Built Environment
10:45am – 12:00am	Discussion: Focusing the Relationship of the Built Environment to Children and Nature Moderator: Wayne Kober, Former Director, Bureau of Environmental Quality, PA Department of Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Noah Mehrkam, Regional Director, The Rector Companies• Robin Moore, Director of The Natural Learning Initiative and Professor of Landscape Architecture, North Carolina State University• Carol G. Adkins, Water and Ecosystems Team Leader FHWA Office of Natural and Human Environment
12:00pm – 1:15pm	LUNCH—Commons Dining Room Dr. Oliver Pergams, University of Illinois at Chicago and Dr. Patricia Zaradic, Bryn Mawr College; they will be presenting their research: “Is love of nature becoming love of electronic media?”
1:30pm – 2:15pm	Keynote Address: Byrd Auditorium Gina McCarthy, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection—No Child Left Inside Campaign
2:15pm – 4:45pm 3:30pm BREAK	Convene to Breakouts Facilitated breakout sessions will further explore topics and issues from the morning’s panels and/or <i>Last Child In the Woods</i> that resonated with participants. Groups will brainstorm possible actions that could help address the issues and problems identified. The group will also discuss opportunities for synergism in actions by identifying various sectors or partners who could work together on each action.
6:00pm	Dinner— Commons Dining Room
7:00pm	Evening Program, Closing Address and Announcement of Future Action— Commons Dining Room <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Frank Dukes—Lead Facilitator• Sylvia Earle, Chair, Deep Ocean Exploration and Research, Explorer in Residence, National Geographic Society• Larry Selzer, President of The Conservation Fund

Sunday, September 10:

6:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast—Commons Dining Room Airport Shuttle departs at 9:00am
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